Complation of Dul Hasti Power Project

994. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Dul Hasti power project in the Jammu region is in doldrums following its abandonment of the project by the French consortium DSB ; and

(b) what steps Government would propose to complete the project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) The French Consortium, which had been entrusted by the National Hydro-electric Power Corporation (NHPC) with the execution of the Dulhasti Hydro-electric Project in Doda District of J&K on turn-key basis, suspended work at site on 24th August, 1992 on the ground of deteriorating security environment in and around the project area.

(b) Government has taken appropriate steps to augment the security arrangements The Government has also constituted a High Level Committee to look into the various problems in regard to implementation of the contract between NHPC and the French Consortium with a view to assisting the two parties in arriving at an amicable settlement.

Abatement in Power Generation by NTPC

995. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state

(a) whether National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is planning to reduce power generation from the current financial year ; and

(b) what are the reasons for this startling decision ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Setting up of a TPS at Neyveri

996. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the British Gas (BG) and National Power International (NPI) of the UK are going to set up jointly a Thermal Power Station at Neyveli in Tamil Nadu ,

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) what are the compelling reasons to hand over this project to private sector when Neyveli lignite corporation is running at a good profit ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Replacement of Faulty Domestic Meters by DESU

997. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the rules relating to replacement of faulty domestic meters by the DESU :

(b) what is the number of meters that had been burnt from October, 1991 to December, 1992 in Government quarters of R. K. Puram, Sector-VII, New Delhi due to faulty wiring by the DESU and CPWD ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the allottees were asked to deposit Rs. 273 each for the replacement of the meters on the verbal promise that they would refund the money ;

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard ; and

(e) what steps are proposed to be taken for the refund of the deposit ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) to (e) The domestic electricity meter reported to be faulty by a consumer is replaced by DESU on the written request of the consumer along with a testing fee of Rs. 10 in the form of a Crossed Indian Postal Order. A meter found stopped by the field staff is not subject to any testing fee. In respect of a burnt meter, the concerned consumer is required to give a written undertaking to pay the cost and replacement charges for the same. A photocopy of the last paid electricity consumption bill is also required to be submitted along with the application for the replacement of a burnt meter by the consumer. The present rate of such charges is Rs. 273 in respect of the replacement of a single phase domestic meter. The charges so paid are not refundable.

25 cases of burnt meters were reported by the consumers in Sector VII, R. K. Puram, Government Quarters during October, 1991 to December, 1992. They were found burnt due to defect in the consumer's internal wiring/overloading of the meters and were replaced on depositing requisite charges of Rs. 273 in each case. The question of making any verbal promises for refunding the replacement charges does not arise.

Closure of Rajghat Power Station

998. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Rajghat power station is likely to be closed for repairs to reduce the pollution level ;

(b) if so, how long it will remain closed ; and

(c) in what manner Government proposed to meet the energy requirements of Delhi during the period of closure of the power station ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) to (c) One Unit of Rajghat Power Station of DESU has been closed down from 12th April, 1993 for rectification of the Electrostatic Precipitator to bring down the pollution level within the prescribed limit. This Unit is likely to be recommissioned in the month of May, 1993. Similar repairs to the second unit are proposed to be undertaken after rehabilitation of the first unit and this work is likely to be completed by the end of June, 1993. No difficulty is anticipated in meeting the power requirements of Delhi even if need arises to close down both the Units of Rajghat in the interest of pollution control. The requirements can be met by additional drawal of power from the Northern Grid.

Clearance of Power Projects

999. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAV RAO JADHAV :

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the power projects from different parts of the country which are lying with his Ministry for approval ;

(b) what are the names of power projects to be cleared for Maharashtra State : and

(c) by when these will be cleared ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) to (c) Schemes are accorded techno-economic clearance subject to the fulfilment of certain conditions regarding tying up of inputs, completion of the formalities required under Section 29 of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948 and obtaining the requisite linkages